I.C.P.O. Bulletin

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I.C.P.O. Bulletin (28 December 2012 - 04 January 2013)
"Islands, Castles & Portable Operations"
Listing is by calendar date (day/month/year)
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For all those who celebrate -
I wish you, your family and your friends a HAPPY NEW YEAR 2013!!
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28/12/2012: Daki, 9A2WJ and Mato, 9A3SM will be active as 9A3SM/p from 9AFF-080 Special ornithological reserve "Crna Mlaka" (9AFF-080) on 28 December 2012 (about 0800z). QRV on the HF bands, propagation permitting. This activity counts for additional points for Project CROATIAN FLORA and FAUNA On The Air - 2012 (web.hamradio.hr/9aff/Project_2012/Annual_Award.htm). Note: weather conditions could affect this activity. QSL via 9A3SM, bureau or direct. [flora_fauna]

28/12/2012: Howie, K1VSJ/p will be active again from Martha's Vineyard (NA-046, USi MA005S, WLOTA 2804), Dukes county, Massachusetts, between 28 December 2012 and 1 January 2013. He will focus on working JA stations on 10 or 15 metres during his late afternoon hours. QSL via home call. [425 DX News]

28/12/2012: Lars, PH0NO, plans to be active as homecall/p on 28 December 2012 from the Strabrecht heath Natural Park (PAFF-058), Noord-Brabant province, The Netherlands. QRV on the HF bands starting around 1300 UTC until 1630 UTC. Lars will make sure to go down to 40m later in the afternoon. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [PH0NO]

29/12/2012: Daki, 9A2WJ and Branko, 9A3PM will be active as 9A2WJ/p on 29 December 2012 (about 1000z) from Special botanical reserve "Mali Kalnik" (9AFF-031) and Special botanical reserve "?rdevacki pijesci" (9AFF-032). Note: weather conditions could affect this activity. QRV on the HF bands, propagation permitting. This activity counts for additional points for Project CROATIAN FLORA and FAUNA On The Air - 2012 (web.hamradio.hr/9aff/Project_2012/Annual_Award.htm). QSL via 9A2WJ, direct or bureau. [flora_fauna]

29/12/2012: On Saturday, 29 December 2012 the SP9YFF Group will be active from Natura 2000 Area "Ostoja Goczalkowicka" (SPFF-519) and the Castle Strumien (WCA SP-00456, ZWP GCY-05, WW Loc. JN99JW). QRV on 80-10 metre CW and SSB with 100W between 0900 and 1600 UTC. Activity time and plans may be change due to weather and road conditions. All QSOs are confirmed via LoTW. Paper QSL cards direct only with SAE + IRC to SP9WAN. Further information can be found on their website at: www.sp9yff.pl [wff silesia]

29/12/2012: Masa, K1GI, plans to be active from Hamilton Parish, Bermuda (NA-005), as VP9/K1GI between 29 December 2012 and 2 January 2013. QRV on 160-10 metre SSB, CW, and Digital modes. QSL via JG2BRI, SASE, OQRS and LoTW (no BURO). [DXAT]

29/12/2012: YP1WFF/p will try to be active between 29 December 2012 and 2 January 2013 from Nordul Gorjului de Vest (WFF YOFF-314), Romania. QRV holiday style on the HF bands. QSL via the operator's instructions, bureau OK. Website: wff-yo.blogspot.com/ [YP1WFF group]

30/12/2012: Daki, 9A2WJ and Emir, 9A6AA, will be activate as 9A1WFF from the Nature Park "Lonjsko Polje" (9AFF-012) on 30 December 2012 (about 0800z), weather permitting. QRV on the HF bands, propagation allowing. This activity counts for additional points for Project CROATIAN FLORA and FAUNA On The Air - 2012 (web.hamradio.hr/9aff/Project_2012/Annual_Award.htm). QSL via 9A6AA, direct or bureau. [flora_fauna]

30/12/2012: Harry, JG7PSJ, will be active again as JD1BMH from the Sakaiura Area, Chichijima (AS-031, WLOTA 2269, WW Loc. QL17CC, JCG 10007), Ogasawara islands, from 30 December 2012 until 4 January 2013. He will operate CW, SSB and RTTY on 80-10 metres. QSL via JD1BMH (bureau) or JG7PSJ (direct). Logsearch and other information can be found at: jd1bmh.zxq.net/ [425 DX News]

30/12/2012: Piju, 9M2PJU, will be active as 9M2PJU/P between 31 December 2012 and 1 January 2013, near the Kepong Metropolitan Lake Park, Kuala Lumpur, along with a few amateur hams. He states [edited], "I will be celebrating the New Year here and will be calling for DX stations on 40m, 20m and 15m, CW mode just to say happy new year to them. I'm OK on QRZ.com. LoTW and eQSL user." [OPDX Bulletin]

02/01/2013: Cezar VE3LYC, Johan PA3EXX, Alex LU5WW and Luc LU1FAM hope to be operating as LU6W from Isla Escondida (SA-096), Chubut Province, Argentina, between 2-6 January 2013. Once again, the team would like to remind everyone that this expedition includes some very difficult logistics. Consequently, the above dates are approximate and can change depending on the weather conditions. Moreover, there is no guarantee that the team will be able to land. Rest assured the safety of everyone involved is paramount. Plans are to be QRV on the HF bands using two IC-7000 100 watt, two multiband verticals, two 1 kW generators and four car-type batteries. Hopefully two stations operating at one time. QSL via VE3LYC, direct or bureau. Online log will be hosted by Clublog. NB: On 21 November 2012 a recon mission to Escondida took place. You can see some images on their website at: lu6w.yolasite.com/galleria.php [DX World]

03/01/2013: Markus, DJ4EL, will be active as V31ME from Abergris Caye (NA-073) from 3-17 January, with a side trip to Long Caye (NA-123) on 5-12 January 2013. He will operate on 20, 17, 15, 12 and 10 metre SSB. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [425 DX News]

04/01/2013: Francis, F6BLP, will once again be active as 6W7SK from Saly Portudal, Senegal, between 4-18 January 2013. QRV 80-10m, mainly CW. If possible he also hopes to be active on 160m with an Inverted L. QSL via F6BLP, direct or bureau. Logs will be uploaded to LoTW and eQSL. [DX World]

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LOOKING AHEAD -

07/01/2013: Bertrand, DF3ZS and Thomas, DL1QW will be QRV holiday-style from Diani Beach, Kenya, between 7-20 January 2013. Activity on 80m to 10m - CW, SSB and RTTY using dipoles, GP and vertical loops. QSL via home calls, direct or via the DARC bureau. [DX World]

20/01/2013: Look for Dennis, WA2USA to be active as WA2USA/4 from St. George island (NA-085, USi FL0076S), Franklin county, Florida, between 20 January and 27 February 2013. He also plans to operate from the lighthouse (ARLHS USA-1057, WLOTA 3178) while he is on the island. QRV mostly CW on 30, 20 and 15 metres. Some SSB on 40 and 20 metres. All bands in ARRL International DX CW Contest (16-17 February) and the NAQP RTTY Contest (23-24 February). QSL via home call, bureau or direct. Logs will be uploaded to LoTW. Website: www.wa2usa.com/ [rsgbiota.org]

20/02/2013: Werner, DJ9KH, will be active from Vava'u island (OC-064), Kingdom of Tonga, as A31WH between 20 February and 3 March 2013. Comments: will activate Tongatapu (OC-049) before. QRV on the HF bands, propagation allowing. QSL via home call, direct or via the DARC bureau. [rsgbiota.org]

01/03/2013: Special event station 8J6ISG will be active on all bands and modes between 1 March and 30 April 2013 to celebrate the opening of the New Ishigaki Airport. (ISG is the IATA - International Air Transport Association airport code). The new airport will be located to the east of Ishigaki (JCC 4704), Ishigaki Island (AS-024, WLOTA 0134), Yaeyama Islands, Okinawa prefecture, Japan. The new airport is supposed to have a 2,000m (6,562 ft) runway, expandable to 2,500m (8,202 ft). Construction started in October 2006, for completion by 2013, and is scheduled to open on 7 March. QSL via the JARL bureau. [JJ1WTL/AC6IM]

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SPECIAL EVENTS -

01/01/2013: Special event callsign VI6AHR30 will be active on most bands and modes during the month of January 2013 to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Hills Amateur Radio Group. A special weekend event will be held on 26-27 January. QSL via VK6IR, direct or bureau (OQRS preferred, instructions at www.vk6ir.com/). [425 DX News]

01/01/2013: Throughout 2013 Irish families and clans will be coming together in thousands of events, both on the island and around the globe, to celebrate their history and heritage in a unique event called 'The Gathering'. Irish amateur radio stations, North and South, will be participating and all operators throughout the world, whether they have some green Irish blood or not, are invited to join in the celebrations. The special event callsign EI13CLAN will be active throughout the year and there will be a variety of awards and other activities, details of which will be posted on the IRTS website (www.irts.ie/cgi/index.cgi). QSL via EI6AL, bureau or direct. [DX World]

01/01/2013: Special event station 8N2MDR will be active on all bands and modes between 1 January 2013 and 31 March 2014 to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Midori-ward in Nagoya-city (JCC 2001). Nagoya is located in Aichi prefecture, Chubu region, island of Honshu (AS-007, WLOTA 2376), Japan. QSL via the JARL bureau. [JJ1WTL/AC6IM]

01/01/2013: The special event station S5300TP celebrates the 300th anniversary of Tolmin Peasant Uprising. Members of the Radio club SOCA Tolmin (S59DAP) will be active using special event callsigns throughout 2013. QSL via the bureau is preferred. See also: S5300TP.s59dap.com/ [S57OGL]

01/01/2013: The Tera Radio Club (HB9OK), Vezia, Switzerland, plans to be active with the special call HB30OK almost everyday between 1 January and 31 December 2013 celebrating the 30th anniversary of the club. QSL via HB9OCR, bureau or direct. Further information about this event and relevant award can be found at QRZ.com under HB30OK. [DX Newsletter]

U.S.A. Special Events can be found at: www.arrl.org/special-event-stations

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LIGHTHOUSE CALENDAR -

28/12-1/1/13 K1VSJ/P: Martha's Vineyard Island WLOTA:2804 QSL H/c (d/B)
29/12-31/12 KP4/K3LP: Puerto Rico Island WLOTA:2802 QSL H/c (d)
30/12-4/1/13 JD1BMH: Chichi Shima WLOTA:2269 QSL Buro / JG7PSJ (d)
2013
01/01-31/3/14 8N2MDR: Honshu WLOTA:2376 QSL JARL Buro
01/01-31/01 VI6AHR30: Australia (main island) WLOTA:1520 QSL VK6IR (d)

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6 METRES & UP -

28/12 RSGB Christmas Cumulative 6m-70cm/All modes 1400z-1600z
29/12 RAC Winter Contest 6m/2m classes 0000z-2359z
29/12 RSGB Christmas Cumulative 6m-70cm/All modes 1400z-1600z
2013
01/01-31/01 Ross Hull Memorial VHF/UHF All modes/6m&Up 01 0000z-31 2400z
01/01 AGCW VHF/UHF Contest 144MHz CW/SO/QRO/QRP 1400z-1700z
01/01 AGCW VHF/UHF Contest 432MHz CW/SO/QRO/QRP 1700z-1800z
01/01 LY 144MHz Activity Contest CW/SSB/FM/Open 1800z-2159z
01/01 NRAU 144MHz Activity Contest SO/MO/Open 1800z-2200z
01/01 RSGB 144MHz UKAC SO Fixed/Open 2000z-2230z
02/01 MOON Contest 144MHz CW/Digital/FM/SSB 1900z-2100z

Contest Calendars:
www.qsl.net/va3rj/con_dec.html
www.qsl.net/va3rj/con_jan.html

GOT6??? - Six Meter Information by Andy 'NEON' Sargent N8OFS at:
http://noars.net/got6/GOT6.txt (Updated: 26 December 2012)

Information about current VHF activities can be found on the VHF DX portal "Make More Miles on VHF" at: www.MMMonVHF.de/

SMIRK: www.smirk.org/
SOTA (Summits On The Air) Watch Alerts at: www.sotawatch.org/
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QSL INFO -

Approved for DXCC Credit -
DXCC has approved ZL9HR, Auckland & Campbell Islands, for DXCC credit.
Cards are now being accepted. Bill Moore NC1L [The GoList]

FG/TU5KG - QSL card status
Stephane, F4DXW, reports that the QSL card for FG/TU5KG is now ready for sending.

RI0K & RI0K/P - QSL card status
Andy RZ3EM informs the QSL cards for the RI0K & RI0K/P expedition to Ratmanova AS-061 and Alyumka AS-092 are now ready for shipping. Here is a sneak preview!
http://dx-world.net/2012/qsl-card-preview-ri0k-ri0kp/
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Col, MM0NDX [IOTA-chasers]

QSLs via Bureau: None to report this week! :o(

QSLs via Direct: 1A0C (OQRS), 3B9SP (HB9ACA), 4L1MA (ON4RU), 5N/LZ1QK (LZ1CL), CU1ARM (CU2CE), CU2ARA (CU2CE), CU3URA (CU2CE), CU4ARG (CU2CE), CU5AM (CU2CE), CU6GRP (CU2CE), CU9AC (CU2CE), DU1GM (QRZ.com), EL2DT (EL2FM), EW7LO (QRZ.com), H44RK (NR6M), H44USMC (NR6M), JW7XM (LA7XM), P2NNI [OC-069] (G3KHZ), P29VPB [OC-099] (G3KHZ), T30PY (OQRS), V31NO (W3NO) and Z60K (G3TXF).

QSLs via LoTW: 5C2P, 9L0W, BX5AA, E51TLA, EI7M, T30PY, VE3EJ, VP2MDG and VP2V/AA7V.
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LINKS -
IOTA (Islands On The Air) at: www.rsgbiota.org/
USi (U.S. Islands Award Program) at: www.usislands.org/

WCA (World Castles on the Air) at: www.wcagroup.org/ENG/wcag.html
WWFF (World-Wide Flora & Fauna) at: ww-ff.blogspot.nl/
WLOTA (World Lighthouses On The Air at: www.wlota.com/
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BITS & PIECES -

Brave Radio Friends: Radio Activity Award January 2013 -

The award is sponsored by BRAVE RADIO FRIENDS and can be applied for by amateur radio stations or short wave listeners. The rules are simple: In January 2013 work (OP)or hear (SWL) as many DXCC-entities as possible. No band or mode restricitions. All entities count only once, regardless of band or mode. For the award a minimum of 20 DXCC-entities is required. The number of DXCC entities worked/heard will be entered in the award.

Application with log extract (please pdf, doc, xls or jpg). Deadline of the application is February 28, 2013.

You can only apply for a pdf-version of the award and there is no fee.

Send your application by e-mail to: /de3ear at darc.de/ <mailto:de3ear at darc.de>

[Hans-Jeurgen via HAM_awards]

Live D-STAR webcast on Saturday, December 29th -

W5KUB.COM presents a special interactive live video broadcast, "D-STAR Live", on Saturday, December 29, 2012 from 10:00 AM until 4:00 PM Central time (1600 until 2200 UTC). The live Internet broadcast will feature many D-STAR (Digital Smart Technologies for Amateur Radio) topic discussions by the following panel:

* Ray Novak, N9JA, Icom
* Robin Cutshaw, AA4RC, creator of the DVDongle, DVAP, and D-Plus
* John Davis, WB4QDX, frequent D-STAR speaker and trainer
* Ed Woodrick, WA4YIH, DSTARinfo.com and the D-STAR Calculator

The broadcast will also host live chat for questions and comments and will feature a live D-STAR net on the air. Come early and set up your chat room login. It?s easy and simple and takes less than 1 minute. For more information or to join the broadcast go to http://w5kub.com .

I would also like to ask for pictures of your D-STAR operation. I will try to use those pictures on the broadcast - either during breaks or at the beginning or end of the broadcast. If you would like to see your pictures on the broadcast, please send them to pictures at w5kub.com .

We also invite you to join our broadcast Facebook group at https://www.facebook.com/groups/w5kub/ where you can stay updated on our broadcasts and also interact with other hams around the world.

73,
Tom Medlin, W5KUB

LU6W - Escondida Island SA-036 -

UPDATE: Cezar and Johan have received their LU licences, valid until January 10, 2013. The boat rental has been confirmed, and all camping and power equipment has been purchased or rented. Food and water supplies will be purchased after the team gathers in Puerto Madryn. Landing on Escondida will require some swimming, so all the team members will were wet suits.

LU6W (lu6w.yolasite.com/) hopes to be operating between Jan 2 and 6, 2013.
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73 and Good DX!
Dave Raycroft, VA3RJ
Home of ICPO: http://www.qsl.net/va3rj/
DX Calendar - Contest Calendar - Lighthouse Activity & much more
Join ICPO e-Group: http://mailman.qth.net/mailman/listinfo/icpo
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North American Checkpoint For:
World Lighthouses On The Air - WLOTA
www.wlota.com/
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Canadian Checkpoint For:
All Croatian Islands Award - ACIA
All Croatian Islands Award Group - ACIAG
The World Lighthouse Diplom - TWLHD/TWLHF
www.9a7k.com/
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Official Representative & Co-Ordinator of WCA program for Canada.
www.wcagroup.org/ENG/main.html
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Official Representative & Co-Ordinator of WorldWide Flora & Fauna (WWFF) Canada.
WWFF committee council member.
http://ww-ff.blogspot.nl/
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